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H.B. No. 213

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements regarding electronic access to instructional materials provided in printed book format purchased for public schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 31, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 31.036 to read as follows:

Sec. 31.036. ACCESS TO PRINTED INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT. (a) This section applies only to instructional materials or supplemental instructional materials provided in printed book format.

(b) The publisher of instructional materials or supplemental instructional materials subject to this section purchased as provided by this chapter for a school district shall provide the district at no additional cost with access to the materials in an electronic format as provided by this section.

(c) Instructional materials or supplemental instructional materials may be accessed in an electronic format under this section only for educational purposes by:

(1) students enrolled in a course or subject for which the materials were purchased for the purpose of completing that course or subject and only for the period during which the student is enrolled;

(2) teachers providing instruction in a course or

1 subject for which the materials were purchased for the purpose of
2 providing that instruction and only for the period during which the
3 materials in printed book format are assigned for that course or
4 subject; and

5 (3) school and district administrators for a district
6 campus at which a course or subject for which the materials were
7 purchased is provided and only for the period during which the
8 materials in printed book format are assigned for that course or
9 subject.

10 (d) The commissioner shall adopt rules to administer this
11 section.

12 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
13 to instructional materials or supplemental instructional materials
14 purchased under a contract entered into on or after the effective
15 date of this Act. Instructional materials or supplemental
16 instructional materials purchased under a contract entered into
17 before the effective date of this Act are governed by the law in
18 effect on the date the contract was entered into, and the former law
19 is continued in effect for that purpose.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.